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Portsmouth may nineteenth

1803

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Lady Hamilton

23 Piccadilly

Nelson & Bronte London

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May 19th: 1803

My Dearest Emma,

I have been examining the list of

things which are coming down this Evening

and what comes tomorrow the latter will

of course not go with me. My Sopha *[archaic variant of ‘sofa’]* & the

Large chair not in any of the list therefore

I fear for them my Linnen (linen) I am likewise

not sure of as it was not marked Linnen.

my wine will go to the Custom House and come

to me as it can,, Mr: Turner of Portsmouth the

factotum of a Sea Officers will take charge

of what may come after my departure

Mr: Crighton nor sending me a List nor have

I Mr: Bursepi at least I cant find the letter

although I think to have seen it. The *Victory*

is in a pretty state of confusion and I have

not moved my cot from the *amphion* I

shall take my chance I get it tomorrow

Lord Gardner made such a point of my

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dining with him with Davison & Mr: Elliot

that I could not be off without offence

but I shall get from him as soon as I can

for they say there is much drinking,

Believe me I will hate to every thing here the

misery of the place is striking and

without you I am sure every place will

be the same I admire the Princes calling

but I rest confident that none will get

into your company I feel strong on that

point and you must think the same

Davison goes off with me and will not

leave me untill the *Victory* is under Sail

The Wind is fair and I am mad at being

detain’d. you will say all that is proper

for me to the young Bride my Dear Sister

this Wm.(William) Bolton who I hope will make for

a good Husband. The Doctor I hope is

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content remember me to him and Mr:

Nelson now Mr: Scott is almost wore

out running about for me. We shall

get no rest ‘till we get to sea I am

half vexed but Sutton is a good man

but not so active as Hardy Ever my

Dearest Emma your faithful & affectionate

Nelson & Bronte

Lord Minto is just arrived & for: Elliot who

goes out in the *Victory* to get made Port

Heavens Bless & preserve you, regards to the

Duke Lord Wm: etc